

**CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)**

**Wednesday, June 30, 2004**

**Stephen P. Clark Center**

**Miami-Dade Commission Chambers**

**111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street**

**Miami, FL**

**10:00 am**

**Summary of Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marc Buoniconti, Chairman  
Harold Braynon, Jr.  
Henry Lee Givens  
Hon. Luis Morse  
Hon. James Reeder

Hon. Mike Abrams  
LtCol Antonio Colmenares  
Franklin Kelly  
Miles Moss  
Theodore Wilde

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Bruce Libhaber

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Irma San Roman, Interim Executive Director  
Jack Furney, OCITT  
Dea Martinez, CICC  
Marta Alonso, Human Services  
Clinton Forbes, MDT  
David Tinder, PWD  
Naomi Wright, CTAC

Patty David, OCITT  
Barbara Bravo, OCITT  
John Labriola, OCITT  
Marlene Amaro, OCITT  
Mario Garcia, MDT  
Henry Sori, PWD  
Betty Alexander, DBD

**ROLL CALL**

With a quorum being present, Mr. Buoniconti, Chairman of the CITT, called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Moss moved approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 26, 2004**

Mr. Moss moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Buoniconti announced that the Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee's presentation has been rescheduled for a future meeting. Mr. Buoniconti presented Mr. John Cosgrove with a plaque on behalf of the CITT for his dedication and leadership during his tenure as Chairman of the CITT. Mr. Cosgrove thanked the members and stated that he would continue to serve the community.

## **REPORTS**

### ***Chairman's Report- Marc Buoniconti***

Mr. Buoniconti reported that he and Mr. Wilde attended the Board of County Commissioner's meeting of June 8, 2004, to discuss the RFP-427 Financial Consultant and was happy to report that it was approved. The advertisement was placed on June 21, 2004, and the deadline for submission of proposals is July 9, 2004. He stated that he would provide a status report at the July meeting. Mr. Abrams asked for further clarification as to how the Department of Business Development (DBD) established goals and percentages. Mr. Buoniconti asked that someone from the DBD speak to Mr. Abrams to address his concerns. In addition, Mr. Buoniconti reported that he had appointed Mr. Morse and LtCol Colmenares to represent the CITT at the July 19, 2004, meeting with Chairwoman Barbara Carey-Shuler, Commissioner Moss and the County Manager to discuss CITT concerns. Mr. Buoniconti also announced that the selection for the CITT Executive Director is in progress. The Selection Committee met on June 28 and chose five candidates to be interviewed on July 15, 2004. The Selection Committee will forward its recommendation to the County Manager for his consideration. Mr. Moss asked for a copy of the names of the five finalists. Mr. Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney, responded that the list will be forwarded once the other candidates have been notified that they were not selected for an interview. Mr. Buoniconti also announced that a copy of the "CITT 90 Day Report" has been distributed. He briefly spoke about the marketing effort that has taken place for the CITT vacancy for district 8 and encouraged anyone in that area to apply. (A copy of the advertising schedule was distributed). Lastly, he asked staff to distribute a ballot to each member for the selection of the CITT Vice-Chair. The selection will be announced at the end of the meeting.

### ***Budget & Finance Committee – Theodore Wilde***

No report. The next Budget & Finance Committee is scheduled for July 13, 2004.

### ***Project Review Committee – LtCol Colmenares***

LtCol Colmenares reported that on June 4, 2004, he conducted a site visit to the City of Coral Gables and complemented the City for its excellent transportation program. LtCol Colmenares announced that a By-Laws Committee meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2004. Mr. Buoniconti added that the PRC approved seven (7) Department of Public Works (PWD) contracts. However, those contracts were deferred for the next July 2004 BCC meeting.

### ***External Affairs Committee – Hon. Luis Morse***

Mr. Morse stated that his committee did not meet. However, Ms. San Roman, Interim Executive Director, has provided a Legislative Update which has been distributed. Ms. Lyn Harris, Governmental Affairs, MDT, clarified that under the "Medicaid Bus Pass Program" which indicates that it was fully funded at \$13 million statewide, she noted that MDT's portion of that is \$1.8 million. Ms. Harris further talked about the problems MDT is having with Agency Health Care Administration (ACHA) regarding non-emergency medical transportation program. Mr. Buoniconti asked Ms. Harris to present the item at the next EPC or committee meetings for further discussion. Mr. Morse noted that a copy of the Surtax Distribution was distributed. To date the municipalities have received a total of \$37,362,034 in surtax proceeds. In addition, a transportation plans submitted by municipalities were included as part of the agenda package.

### ***Legal Interpretation of Municipal Expenditures – Bruce Libhaber***

Mr. Libhaber provided the members with a written "Legal Opinion concerning municipal use of surtax funds". He concluded:

*Both transit and transportation projects may take longer than a year to develop and construct. As such, it is understood that not all of the monies received by the municipalities for any given year will actually be spent in that fiscal year. The monies, however, must be authorized and appropriated within that fiscal year. Monies which are not authorized and appropriated within a fiscal year will be distributed to the cities the ensuing year.*

In addition, Mr. Libhaber distributed and discussed the legal opinion regarding the “Transit Surtax Funds for Commuter Rail Services. He concluded:

*Miami-Dade County Ordinance No. 02-116, as it currently reads, does not allow for the use of transit surtax funds for commuter rail lines.*

Mr. Morse asked Ms. San Roman to provide the BCC with a copy of the legal opinions that have been provided to the members.

***Compliance & Oversight Committee – Henry Lee Givens***

Mr. Givens indicated that the Compliance & Oversight committee did not meet in June. However, he stated that at the last CITT meeting in May, he had expressed his concern regarding the makeup of the board of directors of large corporations seeking business with Miami-Dade County. He further stated that he asked staff to review the North America Bus Industry which has received \$47 million worth of business from Miami-Dade County since 2002. After analyzing the composition of the board of directors, they found that it was all a white male board. Mr. Givens stated that he believes corporations wanting to do business with Miami-Dade County should have minorities represented on their board of directors. After some discussion members asked Mr. Givens to further review his concern at his committee and draft a resolution for further comments and discussion at a future meeting.

***Executive Director’s Report – Irma San Roman***

Ms. San Roman reported that progress is being made on the development of a new website. In addition, staff is working on a marketing task force which will include the staff from PWD, and MDT to develop the PTP Marketing Plan. Lastly, Ms. San Roman announced that the Program Management Consulting Selection Committee of which CITT member Miles Moss is a member, held its preliminary meeting last week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITT APPROVE THE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR \$450,000 IN STATE FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS**

Mr. Reeder moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by LtCol Colmenares and carried without dissent.

Members asked Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, Director, MDT what measures are being taken for the security concerns at the South Miami Station. Mr. Bradley responded that MDT has met with the local police department and the Wackenhut security officers regarding security concerns at that station and they are being addressed.

**B. Selection of CITT Vice-Chair**

Mr. Bouniconti announced the selection of Mr. Luis Morse as the newly elected Vice-Chairman.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Buoniconti announced that the next CITT meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2004 at 2:00 p.m and the Executive Planning Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Friday, July 16, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the CITT meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.